

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

September 20, 2005
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Robert Maki, Surprise	*Marc Scott, City of Tempe
Reed Henry, ADOT	Kelly LaRosa, City of Peoria
*Martin Johnson, Chandler	*Mark Fooks, Town of Youngtown
*Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Mary Kihl, ASU
Sandy Adams, Glendale	Jennifer Brown, FHWA
*Doug Dobson, Apache Junction	Anne MacCracken for Teri Collins,
Cheryl Troy for Chris Plumb, Maricopa	RPTA
County	*Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS
Larry Talley, Mesa	David Cowley, AAA Arizona
*William Mead, Paradise Valley	Linda Mendyka, GOHS
Scott Nodes, City of Goodyear	Tom Burch, AARP
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix	Punya P. Khanal for Carnell Thurman,
George Williams for Paul Porell, City of	City of Avondale
Scottsdale	

OTHERS PRESENT

Goutham L., City of Glendale	Sarath Joshua, MAG
	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG

* Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order
Chairman Robert Maki called the meeting to order at 10:02 M.
2. Approval of July 19, 2005 Meeting Minutes
Kerry Wilcoxon moved and David Cowley seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2005 meeting minutes.
3. Call to Audience
Chairman Maki made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. There were no comments from the public.

4. Program Managers Report

The following is a summary of the report provided by Program Manager, Sarath Joshua:

- i. Safe Routes to School Workshop is scheduled to be held on September 21, 2005 at Roadrunner Elementary School in Phoenix.
- ii. An update was provided on the approach to develop the Regional Transportation Safety Management System in three tasks. After some discussion on the project title, it was agreed that the project will be renamed as Regional Transportation Safety Information Management System (RTSIMS).
- iii. Committee was informed about FHWA/AASHTO/NCHRP sponsored Safety Peer Exchange meeting to be held on Nov.16-17, 2005.
- iv. Jennifer Brown was called upon and provided a brief update on SAFETEA- LU. She agreed to provide a more detailed update at the next meeting.

5. MAG Strategic Plan for Transportation Safety

Sarath Joshua suggested that MAG Strategic Plan for Transportation Safety be renamed as MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan and asked committees view about the change in title. Linda Mendyka asked the committee what it means to be a Lead Agency as mentioned in the Plan. Sarath Joshua replied that agencies mentioned were those already working in a focus area or having plans to continue working in that area. He also stated that the order of listing agencies did not imply a hierarchy of responsibility. Kerry Wilcoxon moved to approve the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan and David Cowley seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of the Plan. Sarath Joshua stated that following the MAG committee approval process, the Plan now moves to Transportation Review Committee, next to the Management Committee and finally then to the Regional Council for final approval. Chair Bob Maki appreciated good attendance at the meeting and hoped that would continue.

6. Elderly Mobility Stakeholder Survey Results

Sarath Joshua provided the committee with some background information on the Elderly Mobility Survey. He explained that the survey was sent out to all MAG member agencies and the goal was to determine the level of implementation of various elements of transportation facilities that are identified as desirable features of a system that is elderly friendly. The reason for conducting the survey arose as the result of a project proposed for the FY 2006 MAG work program that would have resulted in a pilot project for an Elderly Mobility Transportation System. During the review process it was suggested that many of the features are already existing and that MAG should first investigate the current system before going ahead with a pilot. Hence the survey was prepared and sent to various agencies.

Kiran Guntupalli distributed the survey results and explained the results. He stated that the percentage of population exposed to elderly friendly elements was assumed as the total population of the agencies that have reported as having implementing each element. He also stated that although it is not an accurate measure, it is a useful piece of information as some of these functions may only be implemented at few locations with the agency response indicating it was implemented in the city. Punya Khanal commented that implementation percentage would generally correlate to needs requested by public. Kelly LaRosa also mentioned that agencies would also look at benefit/cost ratios and other aspects before

considering implementing these elements. Mary Kihl suggested looking at crash data and elderly population involvement in crashes before implementing any strategies. Sarath Joshua requested the committee members to suggest projects and forward ideas to him in next ten days after reviewing the survey results.

7. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Mary Kihl updated the committee that ASU with AARP is doing a project to study whether the AARP driver graduate program has any impact on reducing crashes. Scott Nodes reported that Goodyear is planning on implementing SR2S plan at two schools in Goodyear and also stated that he'll be attending SR2S workshop on Sept. 21st at the Roadrunner Elementary School. Cheryl Toy from MCDOT updated that they are working on a citizen reporting system for FY2006, which also includes Safety Management System reporting. Kelly LaRosa reported that Peoria hired a new Transportation Planning Engineer to head up various programs including SR2S as well as pedestrian and bicycle programs. She also stated that she is taking up a new position as City Traffic Engineer for the City of Avondale. Kerry Wilcoxon reported that they are in final review process of releasing bike and pedestrian crash reports. He also reported that he is working with "Active Health" group which helps cities to be more elderly and pedestrian friendly and healthy. Sandy Adams reported that Glendale is working on SR2S program for 2nd year. She also reported that SR2S workshop that Glendale held in May was very helpful. Linda Mendyka from GOHS reported that they have the Highway Safety Plan for 2006 in place. Punya Khanal reported that Avondale is working with a consultant to put together a Transportation Plan with Safety as one of the focus areas. Larry Talley reported that they saw a spike in traffic fatalities this year and he reported they are at random and was a result of alcohol involvement. They are working with law enforcement to keep it under control. Reed Henry told the committee that a meeting of the Crash Data Users Group would be held on Sept. 27th 2005 and invited interested folks to attend it. George Williams reported on School Safety activities in Scottsdale. He also reported that Scottsdale finished their 2004 crash data analysis, and have ranked their top 20 crash locations. They are looking at analyzing these locations to develop improvements. Jennifer Brown updated Committee about GTSAC activities including formation of sub-committees to lead the focus areas. Bob Maki updated that City of Surprise has stepped up enforcement on Bell Road for red light running and speeding violations.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is scheduled for November 15th, 2005 at 10.00AM in Cholla Room at MAG.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Robert Maki adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM